

Survey of the avifauna at Muong Nhe Nature Reserve, Dien Bien province, Vietnam

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We documented 198 species within the Muong Nhe Nature Reserve in extreme north-western Vietnam during March–April 2011. The first Vietnam records were confirmed for three warbler species (Phylloscopidae), including the Sakhalin Leaf Warbler *P. borealoides*, for which there are very few records for South-East Asia. The status and distribution for a number of other species were clarified for this poorly known area of Vietnam. The Muong Nhe Nature Reserve and the contiguous Phou Dendin NPA in Laos are imperative to the continued presence of the relatively high biodiversity in this region. Not only are these reserves essential to resident species, but they are an important stopover for migrant birds.

INTRODUCTION

Human pressure on the Indochina landscape continues unabated and much of the forest has disappeared and what little remains is heavily impacted (see Sodhi *et al.* 2004; also Google Earth). For example, the following rates of deforestation occurred in Vietnam (–99.7%), Laos (–24.1%), and Cambodia (–22.0%) between the periods of 2000–2005 and 2005–2010 (http://news.mongabay.com/2010/1006-fao_forest_cover.html). Most of the megafauna (elephants, large cats, primates, large hornbills) has been eliminated and the status and distribution of the remaining fauna and flora have been severely altered (Sodhi & Brook 2006). Thus, there is an urgency to document and preserve the remaining biodiversity before it is further eroded.

Into the 1970s, the Muong Nhe Nature Reserve, located in the extreme north-western corner of Vietnam abutting Laos and China, still maintained a sizeable Asian Elephant *Elephas maximus* population, as well as other large mammals (Cox *et al.* 1992, Tu *et al.* 2001). However, by the 1980s most of that fauna had disappeared. By 1990, less than 20% of the reserve was forested, and much of that was secondary (Cox *et al.* 1992, Hill *et al.* 1997). The reserve now consists of only c.46,000 ha of which c.26,000 ha is mature forest that is in a strictly protected zone and c.20,000 ha that is considered a forest recovery area (Dien Bien Agriculture Department 2008). Most of the moist evergreen forest that remains is degraded, with the subtropical moist evergreen forest on the steep slopes and ridges being the least impacted vegetation in the reserve. The reserve is highly mountainous, average height c.1,200 m, with Mount Phu Nam Man reaching 2,124 m (Tu *et al.* 2001).

In part because of its remoteness, the reserve has received minimal biotic assessment. For example, the avifauna has had only two preliminary inventories, one of which was concentrated at the southern end of the reserve (Hill *et al.* 1997) and the other a very short survey during October 2000 (Tu *et al.* 2001). In order to provide a more complete inventory of the avifauna we worked the northern sector of the reserve from mid-March to mid-April 2011 when migration was occurring and most of the species were initiating breeding, i.e., period of increased vocalisations, and thus detectability was increased.

STUDY AREA AND METHODS

At the northern end of the reserve, two sites (22.386°N 102.238°E, 850 m; 22.261°N 102.224°E, 1,000 m) c.3 km apart, were surveyed from 18 March–13 April 2011. The first site was worked from 18 March–1 April and 12–13 April and the second from 1 April–11 April. The first site was at a guard station along a narrow, recently paved road that transects the reserve and leads to the China border. From the station we worked along the road and various trails into

scrub and secondary forest. Agricultural fields, scrub, young secondary forest, and taller, continuous secondary forest (along a ridge c.1 km to the south-west) were surveyed. Mist-net effort (12 m nets, maximum of 26 nets at first site; maximum of 25 nets at the second camp; opened for daylight hours only, usually from 06h00 to 17h00), observations, and audio recordings were made daily and were concentrated within 2–3 km of each camp. At the first site, nets were placed in a variety of habitats, including across streams and at edges of agricultural fields and secondary forest, and 14 were placed along a ridge in tall, continuous secondary forest. At the second site, a tented camp established along a forest stream, all nets were placed in taller, continuous selectively logged forest, with three nets placed across a closed-canopy forest stream.

On 18 March, and for at least the previous three consecutive days, it rained and was unseasonably cool (local people, pers. comm.). As a result of these cool conditions, House Swifts *Apus affinis* appeared to have gone into torpor with several recovered dead or in severe weakened condition on 17 March at the base of buildings in the town of Muong Nhe and at the reserve headquarters (KUBI 23361-4). On 25–27 March, it rained for periods of several hours (primarily at night) with relatively strong winds that were primarily out of the east. It was overcast through the afternoon of 31 March. As a result of precipitation, most streams had running water. Temperature low for nights at the first camp was 53°F on 27 March. During work at the second camp the days were mostly sunny with a prolonged, mid-morning rain only on 9 April. MBR's digital audio recordings are available online at the Macaulay Library (ML), Laboratory of Ornithology, Cornell University, USA. Specimens are deposited at KUBI (Kansas University Biodiversity Institute) and data are available online via ORNIS, a distributed database. Taxonomy and nomenclature primarily follow Robson (2008), but we have adopted more recent updates (e.g. Moyle *et al.* 2012) that clearly provide a more thorough perspective on nomenclature and generic and species relationships.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

We recorded a total of 198 avian species of which 85% were documented with concrete evidence, i.e. specimen, audio recording and/or photographs (Appendix). The Muong Nhe Reserve species list prior to our survey (163 species) was based on two inventories that involved sight observations only: one conducted at the south end of the reserve by Hill *et al.* in 1997 (n=158 species) and the other a short 'rapid' survey in October 2000 (Tu *et al.* 2001; n=102 species). The latter effort added five species to the earlier inventory. Combining results from the two earlier inventories and our survey the Muong Nhe list now stands at 232 species (34 species were recorded during the earlier surveys that we did not encounter). In addition to the 35 new species for the Muong Nhe list, we

documented the first confirmed Vietnam records for three warbler species (Hartert's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus goodsoni*, Sakhalin Leaf Warbler *P. borealoides* and Martens's Warbler *Seicercus omeiensis*) and we clarified the status for several other species in this region (see species accounts).

During our survey, most species were vocalising; specimen data and behaviour confirmed that many species were in the initial stages of breeding. The facts that our inventory occurred at the beginning of the breeding season, was longer in duration, accessed the northern section of the reserve, and included, albeit briefly, elevations up to c.1,500 m, probably explain why we recorded a greater number of species than the earlier surveys. Access to a ridge at 1,200–1,500 m revealed submontane taxa such as Rufous-throated Partridge *Arborophila rufogularis* and Blyth's Shrike Babbler *Pteruthius aeralatus* that we did not record elsewhere and which went unrecorded during the earlier surveys.

At least 34 species of migrant (defined here where at least some individuals of a species were migrating, although some individuals may be summer or permanent residents at this site) were recorded (Appendix). As a result of a mostly unimpeded view of the horizon at our first camp, we noted small numbers of migrant raptors moving north on several days. Dramatic changes in the relative abundance, undoubtedly related to migration, of *Phylloscopus* species and the Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis* were noted in ridge secondary forest at our first camp. Given the degree of deforestation outside the Muong Nhe Reserve, we presume that this site is a now a key stopover for migrants.

Despite the common presence of ground-level snares, all three *Arborophila* species were frequently heard and occasionally flushed. Grey Peacock-pheasant *Polyplectron bicalcaratum* was frequently heard, especially at the second camp, but only one group of Silver Pheasant *Lophura nycthemera* was observed (second camp). In addition to snares, we discovered unauthorised mist-nets in the forest and observed people shooting birds (primarily drongos *Dicrurus*) with sling-shots at our first camp. Buffalo were ubiquitous at the first site and there were recent signs of this species at the second. No large native mammals were recorded at the first site, but a troop of Assam Macaque *Macaca assamensis* were encountered just above 1,200 m at the second camp (ML 169313).

Surprisingly, no *Turdus* or *Zoothra* thrushes have yet been recorded for Muong Nhe, although several species undoubtedly occur at least as migrants if not also as winter residents. Two *Zoothra* species have been recorded in the contiguous Phou Dendin National Protected Area (NPA) in Laos (Fuchs *et al.* 2007). We were discouraged that parakeets were non-existent—Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri* was recorded by Tu *et al.* (2001)—and only a single hornbill species was recorded and this only at higher elevations in the more remote area that we surveyed; we suspect that these taxa had suffered the combined effects of the removal of large trees and of hunting/trapping. The absence or low density of large woodpeckers may be a reflection of the lack of large dead trees as such trees were scarce and presumably had been used for firewood near our first camp.

Additional inventories are needed as we surveyed only a small portion of the reserve and the following areas were not investigated: the uppermost montane areas (above 1,500 m), lower elevations near the park entrance (c.700 m), and the primary forest near the Laos border where the highly endangered Northern White-cheeked Gibbon *Nomascus leucogenys* is found. Surveys in those areas and during other seasons are needed to document both resident, migrant and winter residents that use this reserve.

CONSERVATION PRIORITIES

Muong Nhe Reserve and the adjacent Phou Dendin NPA in Laos are imperative to the continued presence of the relatively high

biodiversity in this region. Indeed, we presume proper protection in these reserves is critical to the endangered Northern White-cheeked Gibbon. It is likely that the core sections, along the border of each country, of both reserves are the only areas where the gibbon, other large mammals, the Great Hornbill *Buceros bicornis* and perhaps even the Globally Threatened Rufous-necked Hornbill *Aceros nipalensis* may persist. This *Aceros* may still have been present in Phou Dendin NPA during 2004–2005 (Fuchs *et al.* 2007), and efforts should be made to ascertain if the species still occurs in the upper elevations of the western boundary of Muong Nhe. Not only are these reserves essential to resident species (permanent, summer or winter), but they certainly are an important stopover for migrant birds. As one would expect given that they are contiguous, there is extensive overlap in species composition between Muong Nhe and Phou Dendin NPA; however, each reserve also has a unique set of species. These reserves should be treated as a single ecosystem with coordinated international conservation efforts.

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

Blyth's Kingfisher *Alcedo hercules*

We recorded at least three individuals (photographed) along the closed-canopy stream at our second site. This species is considered Near Threatened by BirdLife International because of its low population size and narrow habitat requirements. Fuchs *et al.* (2007) encountered the species in Phou Dendin NPA in abutting Laos and surmised that the population was large and continuous between these two reserves.

Rufous-bellied Niltava *Niltava sundara*

The extreme plumage similarity in both males and females among *N. sundara*, the Fujian *N. davidi* and Vivid *N. vivida* niltavas, coupled with all three species being at least partially migratory, has obfuscated the status and distribution of these taxa in northern Indochina. At Muong Nhe we recorded only *sundara* (5 males, 2 females). Interestingly, one of the males (KUBI 119665) had somewhat enlarged testes, 5.5×2.5 mm and enlarged seminal vesicles, which may indicate breeding, although none of the other specimens had enlarged gonads. No vocalisations were detected, although it is easy to overlook this species's inconspicuous song and calls.

According to recent literature (Dyrce 2006, Robson 2008), the nearest known breeding range of *sundara* is in Yunnan and Guizhou. However, there are four audio recordings of song by D. Edwards from Mount Fansipan, Vietnam, during May 2010 (www.xeno-canto.org; xc 65076-9). Moreover, MBR audio-recorded (ML 167779) a territorial male *sundara* on 29 March 2012 at c.1,600 m, Van Ban Nature Reserve, Lao Cai province, Vietnam (22.949°N 104.255°E) and specimens from there had enlarged testes (unpubl. data).

Pale Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis unicolor*

This species was an uncommon breeder at Muong Nhe. At 850 m, a mist-netted female had an unshelled egg in the oviduct on 27 March (KUBI 119363) and at 1,000 m a mist-netted male on 5 April had enlarged testes (KUBI 119648). In addition, males were persistently singing from > 8 m above the ground at c.1,500 m (ML 169212-3). Neither Dyrce (2006) nor Robson (2008) lists this as a breeder for West Tonkin.

Chestnut-tailed Starling *Sturnus malabaricus*

Flocks ranging in size from 4 to 25 individuals were recorded daily and photographed in agricultural fields and at the edge of secondary forest from the park entrance at c.850 m up to above the roadside guard station at c.1,000 m. Robson (2008) does not list the species for West Tonkin.

Pied Bushchat *Saxicola caprata*

At least five (four males and one female) were seen and photographed in open areas with grass at the northern boundary of the reserve. Robson (2008) did not list this species for West Tonkin.

Ashy Minivet *Pericrocotus divaricatus*

Although this was the least common minivet, it was seen and photographed at both of our sites. Apparently these are the first records for West Tonkin (Robson 2008).

Rosy Minivet *Pericrocotus roseus*

Robson (2008) mentioned that the status of this minivet was uncertain in West Tonkin. We found the species to be common, with multiple groups, ranging from 4 to c.10 individuals. Although most were seen in what appeared to be small-sized, monospecific flocks, one male (KUBI 119322) had enlarged testes, 8×4 mm, but two females did not have enlarged ova; so whether this species breeds in the region is still unresolved.

Phylloscopus and *Seicercus*

Species in these two genera are notoriously difficult to identify. Because of the extreme similarity in morphology among taxa of both genera, often voice and genetics are the only means of confirming identification. During our Muong Nhe fieldwork multiple taxa of these two groups were encountered, but very little song was heard or recorded. Thus, we relied on genetic analyses (sequence data from the cytochrome *b* gene; sequences pending on Genbank) from specimens to provide unequivocal identifications (Appendix). As a result of the difficulty in identification both in the field and in the hand, the status and distribution of these taxa are poorly known. This underscores the importance of collecting data-rich specimens to accompany genetic and vocal sampling. Below we summarise our findings from Muong Nhe.

Six species of *Phylloscopus* were recorded, including two that apparently are new for Vietnam: Hartert's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus goodsoni* (n=4 specimens), and a single Sakhalin Leaf Warbler *P. borealoides*. Hartert's and Claudia's Warblers *P. claudiae* (n=2 specimens) are recently recognised species of the Blyth's Warbler *P. reguloides* complex (Olsson *et al.* 2005). *Phylloscopus goodsoni* also has been confirmed, via genetic means, to have occurred during March 2005 in the abutting Phou Dendin NPA (Fuchs *et al.* 2007), and there is specimen documentation for *P. claudiae* from Ha Giang province, Vietnam (Vogel *et al.* 2003). The winter and migration status and distribution of the range-restricted *P. borealoides* is especially poorly known (Bairlein 2006, Brazil 2009) and our specimen (KUBI 119459) apparently represents the first for Vietnam and one of the very few for South-East Asia as a whole. Finally, our documentation (ML 169180) of territorial Yellow-vented Warbler *P. cantator* appears to represent the first breeding record for West Tonkin (Robson 2008); Fuchs *et al.* (2007) did not find this warbler during March surveys in adjacent Phou Dendin NPA.

We recorded three species of *Seicercus*, all of which are known from this general region, but for which specimen documentation is apparently lacking for Vietnam (Martens *et al.* 1999, 2003, Bairlein 2006). Of ten *Seicercus* netted, eight were Martens's Warbler *S. omeiensis*, one (plus another individual audio recorded, ML 169162) Bianchi's Warbler *S. valentini*, and one Grey-crowned Warbler *S. tephrocephalus*. The latter two have been reported for Vietnam based on audio recordings deposited on xeno-canto.

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Appendix

Bird species recorded in Muong Nhe Reserve, 18 March–13 April 2011

English name	Scientific name	Relative abundance	Documentation	Comments	English name	Scientific name	Relative abundance	Documentation	Comments
Rufous-throated Partridge	<i>Arbaraphila rufagularis</i>	U	V		Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>	F	S	
Scaly-breasted Partridge	<i>Arbaraphila chloropus</i>	F	*		Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>	R	S	
Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	U	V		Oriental Turtle-dove	<i>Streptapelia orientalis</i>	U	V,P	
Silver Pheasant	<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>	X	S		Spotted Dove	<i>Streptapelia chinensis</i>	U	S,P	
Grey Peacock-Pheasant	<i>Polyplectran bicalcaratum</i>	F	V		Barred Cuckoo-dove	<i>Macropygia unchall</i>	R	S,P	
Speckled Piculet	<i>Picumnus innamatus</i>	U	*		Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	R	*	
White-browed Piculet	<i>Sasia ochracea</i>	U	*		Thick-billed Green-pigeon	<i>Treron curvirostra</i>	F	V,P	
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos canicapillus</i>	U	V,P		Mountain Imperial-pigeon	<i>Ducula badia</i>	R	S,P	
Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Micrapternus brachyurus</i>	X	V		Black-tailed Crake	<i>Parzana bicolor</i>	R	S	
Greater Yellownape	<i>Picus flavinucha</i>	R	S,P		Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	U	S,P	migrant
Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>	R	S		Crested Serpent-eagle	<i>Spilarnis cheela</i>	U	V,P	
Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i>	R	S		Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>	R	P	migrant
Pale-headed Woodpecker	<i>Gecinulus grantia</i>	R	V		Grey-faced Buzzard	<i>Butastur indicus</i>	U	S,P	migrant
Bay Woodpecker	<i>Blythipicus pyrrhatis</i>	F	*		Himalayan Buzzard	<i>Butea burmanicus</i>	R	S,P	migrant
Blue-throated Barbet	<i>Megalaima asiatica</i>	F	V,P		Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	R	S,P	
Golden-throated Barbet	<i>M. franklinii</i>	F	V,P		Chinese Pond-heron	<i>Ardeola bacchus</i>	X	S	
Oriental Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros albirastri</i>	R	V		Little Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	R	S,P	
Common Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	X	S	migrant	Silver-breasted Broadbill	<i>Serilaphus lunatus</i>	F	*	
Red-headed Trogon	<i>Harpactes erythræcephalus</i>	U	*		Long-tailed Broadbill	<i>Psarisamus dalhausiae</i>	F	*	
Blyth's Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo hercules</i>	U	P		Asian Fairy-bluebird	<i>Irena puella</i>	F	V,P	
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	U	*		Blue-winged Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis carchinensis</i>	F	V,P	
White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	U	S,P		Orange-bellied Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis hardwickii</i>	F	V	
Crested Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle lugubris</i>	X	S		Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>	U	S,P	migrant
Blue-bearded Bee-eater	<i>Nyctarnis atheriani</i>	U	P		Burmese Shrike	<i>Lanius callurides</i>	R	S,P	
Large Hawk-cuckoo	<i>Hieracacxys sparveriaides</i>	U	*		Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	R	S,P	migrant
Hodgson's Hawk-cuckoo	<i>Hieracacxys niscalor</i>	U	V		Grey-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius tephronatus</i>	R	S,P	migrant
Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micrapterus</i>	U	V		Common Green Magpie	<i>Cissa chinensis</i>	R	V	
Eurasian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canarus</i>	X	V	migrant	Grey Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta farmasae</i>	R	*	
Banded Bay Cuckoo	<i>Cacamantis sannetii</i>	X	V		Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus japonensis</i>	U	V,P	
Plaintive Cuckoo	<i>Cacamantis merulinus</i>	X	S,P		Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>	U	S,P	
Asian Emerald Cuckoo	<i>Chrysacacxys maculatus</i>	R	S		Maroon Oriole	<i>Oriolus trailii</i>	F	V,P	
Drongo Cuckoo	<i>Surniculus lugubris</i>	F	V,P		Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Caracina macei</i>	X	V	
Green-billed Malkoha	<i>Phaenicephorus tristis</i>	U	V,P		Black-winged Cuckooshrike	<i>Caracina melaschistas</i>	F	V,P	
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	U	V,P		Rosy Minivet	<i>Pericrocatus raseus</i>	C	*	migrant
Himalayan Swiftlet	<i>Callioptila brevirostris</i>	C	S,P		Ashy Minivet	<i>Pericrocatus divaricatus</i>	U	S,P	migrant
Asian Palm-swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasensis</i>	R	S		Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocatus speciosus</i>	C	V,P	
Silver-backed Needletail	<i>Hirundapus carchinensis</i>	F	S		Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>	U	*	
House Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	C	*		White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>	F	*	
Mountain Scops Owl	<i>Otus spilocephalus</i>	R	V		Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>	C	*	
Collared Scops Owl	<i>Otus lettia</i>	R	V,*		Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>	F	*	
Brown Wood-owl	<i>Strix leptogrammica</i>	R	S		Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus remifer</i>	U	*	
Collared Owlet	<i>Glaucidium bradiei</i>	U	S		Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>	U	S,P	
Asian Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>	U	V,P		Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>	U	*	
Brown Boobook	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>	R	S		Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypathymis azurea</i>	F	*	

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Asian Paradise-flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone porodisi</i>	C	*		Grey-eyed Bulbul	<i>Iole propinqua</i>	R	S	
Common Iora	<i>Aegithino tiphio</i>	U	V		Ashy Bulbul	<i>Hemixos flovolos</i>	F	*	
Large Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis gularis</i>	U	V		Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocepholus</i>	F	*	
Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pollosii</i>	R	*		Rufescent Prinia	<i>Prinia rufescens</i>	F	*	
Blue Rock-thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	R	S	migrant	Hill Prinia	<i>Prinia supercilioris</i>	R	S, P	
Blue Whistling-thrush	<i>Myophonus coeruleus</i>	R	*		Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>	F	*	
Lesser Shortwing	<i>Brochopteryx leucophrys</i>	U	*		Asian Stubtail	<i>Urospheno squameiceps</i>	U	*	migrant
Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicopa muttui</i>	U	*		Dark-necked Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus otrogularis</i>	U	V	
Ferruginous Flycatcher	<i>Muscicopa ferruginea</i>	X	S	migrant	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	U	*	
Red-throated Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	U	S, P	migrant	Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>	U	V, P	migrant
White-gorgeted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula monileger</i>	U	*		Yellow-browed Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>	U	*	migrant
Snowy-browed Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hyperythra</i>	R	*		Claudia's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus claudiae</i>	?	*	migrant
Little Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula westermanni</i>	R	*		Hartert's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus goodsoni</i>	?	*	migrant
Slaty-blue Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula tricolor</i>	X	*	migrant	Sakhalin Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus borealoides</i>	?	*	migrant
Large Niltava	<i>Niltova grandis</i>	R	S		Yellow-vented Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus cantator</i>	R	V	
Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias tholassinus</i>	U	*		Grey-crowned Warbler	<i>Seiurus tephrocephalus</i>	?	*	migrant
Rufous-bellied Niltava	<i>Niltova sundora</i>	U	*		Bianchi's Warbler	<i>Seiurus volentini</i>	?	*	migrant
White-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis concretus</i>	F	*		Martens's Warbler	<i>Seiurus omeiensis</i>	?	*	migrant
Hainan Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis hainanus</i>	C	*		Rufous-faced Warbler	<i>Abroscopus olbogularis</i>	R	V	
Pale Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis unicolor</i>	U	*		Yellow-bellied Warbler	<i>Abroscopus supercilioris</i>	F	V, P	
Hill Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis banyumas</i>	C	*		Chestnut-capped Babbler	<i>Timolia pileata</i>	X	*	
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>	C	*	migrant	Pin-striped Tit-babbler	<i>Mixornis gularis</i>	C	*	
Yellow-bellied Fantail	<i>Chelidorhynchus hypoxanthus</i>	X	S		Rufous-fronted Babbler	<i>Cyanoderma rufifrons</i>	F	*	
Siberian Rubythroat	<i>Luscinia colliope</i>	U	*	migrant	Golden Babbler	<i>Cyanoderma chrysolaus</i>	R	S	
Oriental Magpie-robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	U	*		Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus ruficollis</i>	X	S	
White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>	R	*		Orange-billed Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus ochraceiceps</i>	U	*	
White-capped Water-redstart	<i>Chaimorrhinus leucocephalus</i>	U	*		Large Scimitar Babbler	<i>Megapomatorhinus hypoleucos</i>	R	V	
Plumbeous Water Redstart	<i>Rhyocornis fuliginosus</i>	U	*		Grey-throated Babbler	<i>Stachyris nigriceps</i>	F	*	
White-tailed Robin	<i>Myiophila leucura</i>	F	*		Collared Babbler	<i>Gompsothymus torquatus</i>	U	*	
Slaty-backed Forktail	<i>Enicurus schistaceus</i>	U	*		Rusty-capped Fulvetta	<i>Schoeniparus dubius</i>	U	S	
White-crowned Forktail	<i>Enicurus leschenaulti</i>	R	*		Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>	U	*	
Pied Bushchat	<i>Soxycops coprota</i>	U	S, P		Spot-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum olivaceum</i>	R	V	
Siberian Stonechat	<i>Soxycops mourei</i>	U	S, P	migrant	Buff-breasted Babbler	<i>Pellorneum tickelli</i>	C	*	
Grey Bushchat	<i>Soxycops ferreus</i>	U	V	migrant	Eyebrowed Wren Babbler	<i>Nomophya epilepidota</i>	U	S	
Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnus malabaricus</i>	F	V, P		Streaked Wren Babbler	<i>Nomophya brevicaudata</i>	R	*	
Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	<i>Sitta cinnamomeiventris</i>	X	V		Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>	C	*	
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>	U	V, P		David's Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe dowsoni</i>	F	*	
Japanese Tit	<i>Parus minor</i>	F	*		White-crested Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax leucolophus</i>	F	*	
Sultan Tit	<i>Melanochloris sultanea</i>	X	V		Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax monileger</i>	R	V	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	U	S	migrant	Chinese Hwamei	<i>Garrulax canorus</i>	X	V, P	
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	U	S	migrant	Black-throated Laughingthrush	<i>Lanthocincla chinensis</i>	U	*	
Striated Swallow	<i>Hirundo striolata</i>	C	*	migrant	Blue-winged Minla	<i>Actinoduro cyanocephala</i>	R	S	
Black-crested Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus florentinus</i>	U	*		Chestnut-collared Yuhina	<i>Yuhina torquata</i>	F	V	
Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	C	*		Black-chinned Yuhina	<i>Yuhina nigripes</i>	U	V	
Sooty-headed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus nigriceps</i>	C	*		Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops poliopterus</i>	R	*	
Puff-throated Bulbul	<i>Alophopus pallidus</i>	U	*		Japanese White-eye	<i>Zosterops japonicus</i>	F	*	

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White-bellied Erpornis	<i>Erpornis zanthaleuca</i>	F	*		White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	F	S,P	migrant; <i>albaides</i> subspecies
Blyth's Shrike-babbler	<i>Pteruthius aeralatus</i>	F	V						
Yellow-vented Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum chrysarrheum</i>	X	S		Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	F	*	
Plain Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum cancalar</i>	C	V,P		Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hadgsani</i>	F	*	migrant
Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum cruentatum</i>	F	S		White-rumped Munia	<i>Lanchura striata</i>	C	*	
Mrs Gould's Sunbird	<i>Aethapyga gouldiae</i>	R	*		Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	U	*	
Black-throated Sunbird	<i>Aethapyga saturata</i>	F	*		Yellow-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza aureola</i>	X	S	migrant; 2 females, 29 March 2011
Crimson Sunbird	<i>Aethapyga siparaja</i>	F	*						
Purple-naped Sunbird	<i>Hypogramma hypogrammicum</i>	R	S						
Streaked Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnathera magna</i>	F	*		Crested Bunting	<i>Melaphus lathami</i>	F	V,P	
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer mantanus</i>	F	S						

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